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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 17TH, 1907.

The Commission appointed to consider the Sanitary Laws and their administration in this Colony report that after several meetings the question of official corruption presented itself as a paramount consideration for them. It was not only actual bribery, but gross neglect of duty and most reprehensible slackness of method that they discovered. There has not been sufficient time yet to digest so long and so important a report, which we are quoting elsewhere serially, but to begin with we may glance over the headings. All sorts of difficulties were thrown in the way of the investigators, in itself a suggestion that there was much to hide. The Commission also finds that Ordinances have been very carelessly drawn up and passed, and hardly enforced. This, at least, is the general effect we gather from our preliminary reading. Property owners and poor Chinese have been alike to be pitied, and the weapon that has been as a scourge to their backs has been Red Tape, of the reddest and most tawpy kind. It is not often that a damning indictment of such all-round application is published, and it is well for other communities that such things are not common. On the cubicle question alone, a subject on which the Daily Press has previously drawn the Government's attention to the unwisdom of its advisers, the Commission is very strong. "The advisers

of the Government apparently did not study the question thoroughly," says the report. Of course they did not. It was a taking foul, and Hongkong has been run by faddists to a great extent. "A pane of glass in a covered verandah having been broken, the owner was asked to send a plan showing the proposed repair; this would have cost a fee of about \$20 for a repair which could have been effected for sixty cents." If that case was a typical one, Hongkong officialdom as a whole does not seem to have deserved any more respect than Chinese Mandarinism gets. As to fads—"as late as 1903, fumigation and lime washing of infected houses formed a part of plague" procedure, and it was not abandoned until Dr. PEARSE pointed out its uselessness as a germicide. The lime washing was done at the expense of the Government, at contract prices nearly a hundred per cent. higher than those paid by private individuals. "The waste of money thus entailed," says the report, "can be well imagined." The commission believes that it is the Sanitary Board's plague practice which cause "dumping," and it seems convinced that the misbehaviour of the Board's subordinate employees has been largely due to the neglect of those above them to check and supervise their work. Everybody's business seems to have been nobody's business, and the number of references to cases of failure to examine or report is great, and the Commissioners "are quite unable to understand a system (?) which permits" such irregularities. However, it does not merely find fault, this Report, and after it has been public a little longer, its practical suggestions for reform will demand attention.

Within an hour yesterday morning three dead bodies were dumped in Third Street, West Point. In one instance small-pox was found to be the cause of death.

During the three days' racing at Shanghai \$105,145 passed through the Pari-Mutuel for place-betting, \$89,245 through the Cash Sweeps, and \$55,77 through the Pari-Mutuel for first ponies, making a grand total of \$250,160.

A telegram to the N. C. Daily News, Tokyo, May 9th says:—The German sailing vessel *Dentia* (2) of 4,119 tons, bound for Shanghai, from Portland, Oregon, went ashore near Muroan, Hokkaido yesterday morning. Salvage help was promptly forthcoming.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 12th May, 1907, shows that of non-Chinese there were 316 to the Library and 192 to the Museum; and of Chinese 152 to the former and 2,644 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, visited by 468 persons, and the Museum by 2,836.

According to a statement made at the Paris Academy of Medicine, it is now possible to regard dysentery as easy and rapidly curable owing to the discovery by Doctors Vaillard and Dopter of a serum which is obtainable by treating horses with the bacillus of dysentery. It is stated that out of 200 patients who have been treated with this serum only 10 have died. If the French scientific men have found an equally efficacious serum against what is known as the Philippine form of the pleaser bacillus, which the Vietnamese bacteriologists consider to be distinct from other pleaser forms, and hitherto uncontrollable, dysentery will no longer take rank as the scourge of armies in the field.

The handsome address from the community, which is to be forwarded to Sir Matthew Nathan, was on view at the Legislative Council Chamber yesterday afternoon. It is bound in blackwood covers artistically carved in pure Chinese designs. On the front of the book is affixed the crest of the Colony in gold, while above and below it are the two Chinese characters representing "good luck." At the bottom of the cover is a plate bearing the inscription—"Presented to H.E. Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G. on his departure from Hongkong, 20th April, 1907." The opposite cover, which is also beautifully carved, displays a golden bat with outstretched wings at each of the four corners. This is expressive of good wishes being wuffed to Sir Matthew on favourable winds from those who admired him in Hongkong.

The alleged bribe of \$100,000 made by the now dismissed Governor-designate of Heilungkiang province, H.E. Tuan Chih-kuei, to Prince Ching is stated by the *Sincere* to have been borrowed by Tuan Chih-kuei from Sun Ch'ang-ying, a compradore of the foreign firm of Yeh Hsin in Tientsin. As birthday presents of such large amount and even greater are by no means infrequent in Peking, it was quite natural for Tuan Chih-kuei, who is a protégé of his, without thinking anything out of the way of the matter, or that it was over intended as a bribe for the former's patron. The Comoros themselves are notorious as being only too eager for gift, and failing such presents denunciations are forthcoming—and it is suspected that it was the neglect of the unlucky Governor-designate of Heilungkiang in omitting to reply satisfactorily to the Comoros, Chao Ch'ing-lin that caused his present downfall—and, perhaps, will that of his patron also.

According to a statistical abstract issued by the Board of Trade, the United Kingdom was, in 1905 fifth amongst the nations of the world in point of population, being exceeded by Russia, the United States, Germany, and—strange to say—Japan. Whereas we had 43,221,000 people in 1905, compared with 39,221,000 in 1895, the corresponding figures relating to Japan are 47,375,000 and 42,271,000 respectively; while ranks next below us, had 39,307,000 and 38,459,000, or an increase of less than 1,000,000 in the decade. The United Kingdom is easily first as the possessor of the most populous capital—London figuring for 4,872,710 as compared with New York 3,437,000, Paris 2,714,000, and Berlin 2,019,000. Tokyo comes next with 1,819,000, followed by Chicago with 1,699,000, Vienna, 1,675,000 Philadelphia, 1,294,000, St. Petersburg 1,265,000, Moscow 1,039,000, and Buenos Ayres, 1,020,000.

At the annual meeting of the Army and Royal Marine Provident Society held in London recently, the Chairman congratulated the members on the progress maintained. During the three years that had elapsed since the gratuity system ceased and a fixed annuity became established for all future claims, the society had more than doubled its membership. They were particularly fortunate in having as yet no heavy annuitants on the society so that practically the whole of the subscriptions went to the building up of the capital. He believed that to every officer, whose career depended upon his commission, this family pension fund was absolutely necessary, for it offered a substantial addition to the ordinary service pension and made all the difference to the widow during her years of struggle for a position for her children. A large number of the members, representing every arm of the service, dined together in the evening at the Holborn Restaurant when the Secretary, Lt. Colonel Davies, was presented with a silver tea and coffee service subscribed for by Officers of the society in all parts of the world as a mark of their appreciation of his untiring efforts in promoting the interests of the society. All information concerning the society which comprised Officers of all ranks and of every corps could be obtained of the hon. Secretary Lt. Colonel T. W. Davies, 49, Ashchurch Grove, Ravenscourt Park, London W.

Mao Fee Lung, a Chinaman, well known on the music-hall stage as "Prince Fee Lung," the Chinese magician, was summoned at Willesden for deserting his wife, Jennie Fee Lung, an Englishwoman living at Sandringham-road, Willesden Green. Mrs. Fee Lung said that six years ago she assisted the defendant in his work on the stage, and they were married at Soho. The defendant had since refused to take her on tour with him. He was earning from £12 to £15 a week. The defendant gave evidence on his own behalf, and took the Chinese oath by kneeling down and dropping a saucer. It was perfectly true, he said, that he did not take his wife on tour, because she had now got too stout to perform the vanishing lady trick. It was impossible for her to disappear down the tube under the stage, and as for the trick where she had to turn into a duck-thero! The defendant could not finish his sentence, but lifted up his eyes in despair. He denied he was earning anything like £16 a week. The public taste had altered of late and magicians were no longer in favour. The magistrate, in granting a separation order with an allowance of 30s. a week, said these marriages between Asiatics and Europeans could never come to any good, the tastes and temperaments of the two people being so different.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE LUSITANO SPORTS.

[TO THE EDITOR, "DAILY PRESS."]

Hongkong, 16th May 1907.
Sir,—Your correspondent "Impartial" does not seem to know that there was a protest at the time, which the Committee obstinately ignored, and they continued and do continue to refuse to discuss the matter, although friendly overtures were made to me before submitting the matter to you.—Yours,

A. M. C. SILVA.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."]

Hongkong, 16th May 1907.
Sir,—A "Sports Association" should be established in this Colony and no member of a sports committee should be allowed to compete in any of the events. The blunder committed in the last Lusitano Sports was chiefly due to the whole crowd of the Committee joining in the race; the result was that no proper justice was done to the prejudiced winners.
Thanking you for the insertion of this letter.
Yours

JUSTITIA.
[The failure of the Lusitano sports committee to make any reply to the charges suggests that they have no answer ready. Judgment will go by default.]

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The O. & O. str. *Montpelier* sailing from here on the 16th April, arrived in San Francisco, on the 14th May.
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived Kobe at 2 a.m. on Wednesday the 15th May, and left again at 6 a.m. same day for Yokohama where she was due to arrive at 5 a.m. on Thursday the 16th May.
The Indo-China str. *Kutang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on 14th May, and may be expected here on or about 30th May.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE INDIAN DISORDERS.

LONDON, May 16th.

Confidence has been re-established at Delhi.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

LONDON, May 16th.

There has been a rapid rise in the wheat market in England.

INDO-CHINA LOAN.

LONDON, May 16th.

Indo-China five per cent debentures will be issued shortly.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

TRADE ROUTES.

LONDON, May 14th.

Mr. Morley, in reply to a question in the House of Commons said there was no intention of opening a trade route to Sze Chuan via Rima (? Burma.)

RUSSIA.

LONDON, May 14th.

The Minister of Finance has submitted a Bill to the Duma for sanctioning a credit of RMB 46,000,000 for the indemnity to Japan for the keep of Russian prisoners during the war.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 16th April.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

ALLEGED WRONGFUL DISMISSAL.
R. Morgan who was represented by Mr. C. F. Dixon of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, sued the owners of the ss. *Shan Lee* for \$1,000 for wrongful dismissal. Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. R. A. Harding, appeared for the defendant company, who allege that plaintiff was dismissed on account of drunkenness and other complaints including bringing a woman on board, and leaving Hongkong without his chief officer.

John Mounsey, chief officer of the *Kwai-yung*, said he had known Captain Morgan for four or five years, and knew him to be a temperate man. He had gone on the *Shan Lee* almost daily before that vessel sailed to have a chat with Captain Morgan, and had never seen him intoxicated. On 4th April he was on board the *Shan Lee* when Ling Kai came on board. The captain was perfectly sober.

Cross-examined—You went on board the *Shan Lee*?—Yes.
To see him off?—I was not supposed to see him off.

And you had a parting glass?—Many a time I have come away without a drink.
You had never a drink with him?—Oh yes, I have had a dochanthor with him.

His Honour—I always thought the dochanthor was the last drink—There were many drinks before it (laughter).

You were there on another occasion?—Yes.
Was drinking dry then?—Yes.

There were glasses on the table?—Yes.
And you did not drink?—No.

Are you a teetotaler?—No, and don't intend to be. I can take a drink and leave it like any other man.

Mr. Muller, formerly a customs officer at Kowloon, spoke to seeing Captain Morgan when he went on board the *Shan Lee* but never found him drunk.

Cross-examined—You always had a drink with him?—Not always.

Were you not made to resign the Customs on account of your intemperance?—No.

C. H. Dodd, manager of Ramsey and Co., said he considered plaintiff, whom he had known for 14 years, a temperate man.

Cross-examined—You swear you have never seen him under the influence of liquor?—I have never seen him drunk.

His Honour—This is a relative term. Mary Raymond, who has lived with the plaintiff for eight years, said she had accompanied him on three trips. She received permission on the first occasion from a Chinese owner, who told her she could travel on the ship any time she liked. She had never interfered with any body on board.

Cross-examined—You are quite capable of taking care of yourself if anybody should put upon you?—No (laughter).

Case adjourned.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 16th at 11.45 a.m.—The barometer has risen considerably in E. Japan, and fallen over the Loochoos, Formosa and China, particularly at the mouth of the Yangtze.
A depression, which will probably move Eastwards, has appeared over the Lower Yangtze, and a high pressure area is lying over E. Japan. Unsettled squally weather is indicated over the whole of the China coast, accompanied by thunderstorms in the South. Fresh S.W. winds may be expected over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.15 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—
Hongkong & Neighbourhood (°) S. winds, Formosa Channel... fresh.
South coast of China between... Same as No. 1.

Hongkong and Lamcocks... Same as No. 1.
South coast of China between... Same as No. 1.
(°) S.W. to W. winds, fresh, squally, thunderstorms.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held on the 16th instant in the Council Chamber.

PRESENT:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, Hon. Mr. F. H. MAY, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON, (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ, (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. C. McI. MESSER, (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. A. W. BREWIN, (Registrar-General).

Hon. Mr. F. J. BADELEY, (Captain-Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M., C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. Wei Yick.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWITT.

Hon. Mr. W. J. CRESSON.

Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER, (Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. C. McI. Messer took the oath, and assumed his seat as a member of the Council.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ADDRESS.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Honourable Members of the Legislative Council:—I have asked you to meet to-day in order to begin a short session in which with your assistance I hope to dispose of some outstanding business and legislation. The Financial Minutes that will be laid will be explained to you in the Finance Committee by the Colonial Secretary. Among the Bills that appear on the Orders of the Day is the Supplementary Appropriation. The only item in the Estimates for last year showing an excess of expenditure is Miscellaneous Services, due to the loss of a large quantity of Subsidary Coin sent home last year to be sold. Among the Papers to be laid on the Table are the Financial Returns for the year 1906 which show a surplus of \$202,400 on the working for the year, and an excess of assets over liabilities on the 31st of December of \$252,236, not including arrears of Revenue and over-payments amounting to \$143,260 65, making a total excess of assets of nearly \$80,000. These figures show a satisfactory financial condition. (Applause.)

In addition we have had a large windfall this year in the shape of the probate duty amounting to over \$309,000 on the Estate of the late Sir Robert Jardine, whose name has been long and honourably connected with the history of this Colony. (Applause.) This sum enables us to out any difficulty that arises at once the Government's contribution to the Typhoon Relief Fund. That contribution will be devoted to the construction of a new Typhoon Shelter. Thus what we gain by the demise of an old and justly respected colonist we are not inappropriately devoting to the benefit of the shipping of the Colony in building up whose prosperity his enterprise and ability had a very large share. (Applause.)

Among the Reports to be laid is that of the Commission which was appointed in May last to enquire into the administration of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances and into the existence of corruption on the part of the officials entrusted with the administration of the Ordinances. The Report together with a minute on it by myself, in the capacity of Colonial Secretary before the departure of the Governor, which is not as full as I could have wished as it had to be prepared at short notice before the Governor's departure, is laid at this the first Meeting of the Legislative Council at the express wish of Sir Matthew Nathan, and his direction was that I should print with the report as much of the evidence, which is extremely voluminous, as would render the report intelligible. I intended to print the whole of the evidence of the European and other principal witnesses, but this would have delayed the report another two months. I have therefore only had printed as much of the evidence as is specifically referred to in the marginal notes of the report, and in two cases in the minutes upon it. But a typed copy of the evidence of the more important of the witnesses on the point principally of the administration of the Ordinance is laid on the table and can be consulted by Members or by the Public in this room, but must not be removed therefrom. The whole evidence, to give you an idea of the voluminousness of it, and the work entailed, is contained in those nine volumes. Gentlemen, this is not the time for me to offer comment in detail on the report. While open to no little criticism on many points, its recommendations are receiving the most serious consideration of the Government. The most valuable part of the work done by the Commissioners, is in laying bare a very wide-spread corruption among the subordinate officials of the Sanitary Department. The evidence furnished by the Commissioners has already resulted in the dismissal of a number of Officers, many of them English Sanitary Inspectors in enjoyment of very good salaries, while the cases of others are still under investigation. It is humiliating to read of Englishmen in the position of these men so utterly devoid of all self respect and lost to all sense of honour as to allow themselves to sink into such a life of dishonesty as is evidenced in the report. Their conduct, gentlemen, drags the name of Englishman of which every Englishman ought to be proud, into the mire, and tarnishes the national honour. On the other hand the conduct of a certain section of the Chinese population in offering and even pressing filthy bribes on men who in many instances never even asked for them is most reprehensible. We take trouble and spend

money in teaching the principles of hygiene in our schools. I am taking steps to have the rising Chinese generation in Government Schools at any rate taught that it is as wicked to give as to receive a bribe. (Applause.) Gentlemen: The thanks of this Honourable Council and of the Community at large are due to the Commissioners, and more especially to the Chairman of the Commission, for the enormous labour they have devoted to the work they have now accomplished and it is my earnest hope that improvement in the administration of the Sanitary Laws and a more healthy tone in the subordinate branches of the Department may follow on their investigation. (Applause.)

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the Financial Minutes Nos. 14 to 20, and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee. The Colonial Treasurer seconded. Carried.

COLONIAL CEMETERY BY-LAW.

The Colonial Secretary—[Laid to lay on the table the additional by-law made by the Sanitary Board under section 15 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinances, 1903, and move its adoption. It refers to the schedule of fees for burials in cemeteries.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

PAPERS.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, laid on the table the following papers: Report of the Captain Superintendent of Police, and the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade for the year 1906; Report of the Botanical and Forestry Department for the year 1906; Report of the Director of the Hongkong Observatory for the year 1906; Report on Queen's College for the year 1906; Report on the Census of the Colony for the year 1906; Report on the Widows and Orphans Pension Fund for the year 1906; Report of the Harbour Master for the year 1906; Report on the study of Hygiene in Hongkong Schools for 1906; Report on the Blue Book for 1906; Report on the Police Magistrates Courts for the year 1906; Financial Returns for 1906; Report of the committee appointed to inquire whether earlier warning of the typhoon of September 18th, 1906, could have been given to shipping.

QUESTIONS.

Hon. Mr. HEWITT, in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Pollock, asked the following questions standing in the latter member's name:—

1 (a) When will work on the new harbour of refuge be commenced?

(b) How long is such work likely to take?

2 (a) What was the cost of erecting the retaining wall on the south side of the Signal Station at Blackheath's point?

(b) Who has ultimately to bear the cost of such retaining wall?

3 (a) Has the Government received any report from Mr. Halifax with reference to motor fire engines or an improved system of fire-alarms?

(b) If the Government has received such a report, will the Government lay it upon the table?

ANSWERS.

The Director of Public Works, in reply to the first and second sets of questions, said:—

1 (a) It is anticipated that the work of constructing the breakwater can be begun in about five months from the present time.

(b) On fuller investigation, the scheme originally proposed, with some important alterations based on the experience gained from the recent typhoon, is found to be much more costly than originally estimated. In view of this fact, a modification of the scheme is under consideration. But it is hoped that a beginning will be made with the work in about five months' time. The time occupied in carrying out the work will be from three to four years, according to the scheme finally settled.

2 (a) \$21,325.75.

(b) The Colonial Government. About 1887, the Government entered into an arrangement with the holders of Garden Lots to convert their holdings into Inland Lots on payment of premium and Crown rent at certain rates. The plan, on which the offer was based, showed a road in the position of Middle Road, and the lessee of the lot bounded by it has demanded ever since that that road should be constructed. The Government demurred to constructing it on account of the great cost involved. The sale of Zowloon Marine Lots 74 and 75 in 1902 provided an opportunity of getting the hill cut down free of cost and this was availed of, the purchasers of those lots being required to do the necessary cutting under their conditions of sale. It proved necessary to construct a retaining wall to support the hill, which is the property of the War Department, and the wall has been constructed accordingly.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, in reply to the third question answered:—

Mr. Halifax enquired into the systems of street fire alarms in use at several large towns in England and Scotland. He did not enquire into motor fire appliances. He has reported to me as Head of the Department but the report being of a confidential nature cannot be laid on the table. The matter of which system to adopt is now under consideration. It is hoped that at least 12 alarms of the selected system will be in position before the end of the year.

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill entitled An Ordinance to authorize the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of Four hundred and seventy-seven thousand eight hundred and forty-nine Dollars and fifty-three Cents, to defray the Charges of

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A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1907. 930



MAGISTRACY.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that, on and after SATURDAY, the 18th instant, a CONSTANT SUPPLY OF WATER will be turned on in the RIDER MAIN DISTRICTS.

W. GEATHAM,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1907. 931



MAGISTRACY.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that a MEETING OF HIS MAJESTY'S JUSTICES OF THE PEACE will be held at the Magistracy, at 2.15 p.m., on MONDAY, the 27th May, 1907, for the purpose of considering the following application under the Liquor Licences Ordinance, 1898, viz:—

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F. A. HAZELAND,
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GEORGE CURRY,
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Hongkong, 17th May, 1907. 935

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

No. 18 of 1906.

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THE BOWLING CLUB LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHT ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the above Club will be held on WEDNESDAY, 22nd instant, at 5.15 P.M., on the Club Premises, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1906.

By Order,
E. G. JORDAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1907. 925

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 31st day of May, 1907, at NOON for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, of passing the following Resolutions:—

1. That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Company to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong, for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinance under which the Company is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the capital of the Company being from time to time increased from ten millions of dollars to twenty millions of dollars and also for extending the period of the operation of such Ordinance for a further period of 21 years from and including the 14th day of August, 1903, and for continuing all the provisions of Section 3 of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ordinance 1899 for a further period of 21 years from and including the 14th day of August, 1903.

2. That from the date of such new Ordinance coming into operation and becoming effective the Capital of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be increased from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 by the creation of 40,000 New Shares of \$125 each to be issued at the price of \$30 on the terms after mentioned. Shareholders on the Eastern Legation to pay for their allotments at the rate of Exchange for the Company's demand Bills on London on the day the instalments are due.

3. That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to Shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every two shares of which on the 31st day of May, 1907, Shareholders shall respectively be the Registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by the Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose, be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Company.

4. That the payment of the sum of £30 per Share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz:—

1st instalment of £15 on the 1st day of July, 1907.

2nd and final instalment of £15 on the 1st day of October, 1907.

5. That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares not a multiple of two, a fractional certificate in respect of each share in excess of or below the multiple and allot one New Share to every person who shall produce two such Fractional Certificates on or before the 1st day of July, 1907, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.

6. That after payment of the first instalment and pending payment of the remaining instalment, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares entitling the holders on payment of the remaining instalment, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging scrip certificates and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as to the owners of the Shares respectively represented by such Scrip Certificates.

7. That interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum be allowed out of the profits of the Company on instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due, and that registered holders of Scrip Certificates for New Shares be entitled in respect of such New Shares to participate in future dividends on an equally basis with the old shares, in proportion to the instalments paid up, and from due dates for payment of same.

8. That interest at the rate of 8 per centum per annum be charged on each instalment not punctually paid, and be paid with each such instalment.

9. That all moneys received from premium on the said New Shares be added to the Reserve Funds.

For The HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1907. 883

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

LOST.

TWO CERTIFICATES of 50 Shares each standing in the Register of this Company in the name of FENG MING SHAN have been

LOST.

Scrip No. 931—49851/49900—50 Shares.

" " 932—49901/49950—50 " "

100 Shares.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Duplicate Certificates for the said 100 Shares will be issued one month hence, and that the Original Certificates, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 881

IRON MERCHANTS.

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Hongkong, 1st March, 1907. 478

PUBLIC COMPANIES

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 25th day of May, 1907, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the period from 19th October, 1905, to 30th April, 1907.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd to the 31st May, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1907. 921

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its Registration) will be held at the Office of the Company, in Alexandra Buildings, on SATURDAY, the 25th inst., at 12.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1906.

The REGISTER OF SHARES will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 22nd inst., to THURSDAY, the 23rd inst., both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1907. 923

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BANKRUPTCY No. 20 of 1907, re LONG HING & Co.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the OFFICIAL RECEIVER AND TRUSTEE, to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY (FRIDAY),

the 17th May, 1907, at NOON, at No. 17, Queen's Road Central,

THE GOODWILL, STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND BOOK

DEBTS of the above named Firm.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Government Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1907. 909

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

TO-DAY (FRIDAY),

the 17th May, 1907, at 5.30 P.M., at Ah King's Slipway, Wanchai,

The Racing Yacht

"SPRITE,"

(Late of Royal Hongkong Yacht Club—One Design Class).

Winner of this Season's Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Commodore's Cup and Yachting Commodore's Cup, and having 30 points in the Races of the Club Cup, this being the highest record. She is in Splendid Condition and has two Suits of Sails, &c., &c.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1907. 923

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

On WEDNESDAY,

and THURSDAY,

the 22nd and 23rd May, 1907, at 10 A.M., each day, at H.M. NAVAL YARD,

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Care of "Daily Press" Office.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1907.

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nections throughout the South of China
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Good remuneration to a suitable man. First
Class references from a Foreign Bank required.
Apply by letter only in the first instance to
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Hongkong, 5th April, 1907.

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Hongkong, 14th May, 1907.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1907.

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Grimault's Cigarettes render the respira-
tion easier, cut short the paroxysms, and
remove the feeling of tightness across
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THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

Proceedings at the Fourteenth Annual General
Meeting of this Bank, held at London, on April
16th, Sir Alexander Wilson (the Chairman),
presiding, were as follows (formalities ignored):

The Chairman: Gentlemen, you have had the
report in your hands now for some days, so that
I suppose we may take it as read? (Hear, hear.)
But before dealing with the figures in the balance
sheet, I would express the very deep regret on the
part of the Board at the loss we have sus-
tained since our last meeting by the death of our
esteemed friend and colleague, Mr. R. W.
Chamney. I am also sorry that we have not
here with us today Mr. David Yale, whose
appointment as director I announced to you at
our last meeting. Mr. Yale has gone for a
short visit to Calcutta, and looking to the extent
of our business in that centre now, I feel sure
that nothing but good will result to our interest
from his being in Calcutta for a short time. As
I told you when I last had the pleasure of ad-
dressing you, we acquired the business of the Bank
of Calcutta from the 1st day of March last year,
and although only nine months of its working are
covered by the figures in the period under
review, you will observe that there is a conside-
rable increase in the items of the balance sheet.
In current and fixed deposits alone an increase
of over £1,000,000 sterling is shown, which is a
very satisfactory and substantial increase to our
monetary resources. (Applause.) A glance at
the other side of the account will show that the
Loans Receivable amount, turning to the Profit
and Loss Account, the gross profit for the year,
after providing for all bad and doubtful debts,
and the cost of the acquisition of the business of
the Bank of Calcutta, is £1,457,783. 8s. 10d., or
over £200,000 more than the figures shown in
the last year's account, while the net
profit is £713,353. 16s. 5d. On the other
hand, I may remark that charges show a conside-
rable increase, but that is inevitable with the
extension of the business of the Bank, and the
increase to the business of the Bank, and the
net profit of the year. Adding to the
net profit the amount brought forward we have
£90,811. 4s. 4d. to be dealt with. The interim
dividend, with the one now proposed, will
account for £33,750, and we are very glad to
feel justified in thus raising the dividend
to 6 per cent. for the year. (Applause.) We
have added £33,000 to £20,000
to the Officers' Pension Fund, and this will
leave an amount to be carried forward of
£22,061. 4s. 4d. I now beg formally to move—
"That the Report of the Directors, with the
audited Statement of Account and Balance
Sheet to 31st December, 1906, presented to this
meeting, be and the same are hereby received,
approved and adopted; and that a dividend on
the 'A' and 'B' Shares of this Bank at the
rate of 3 per cent. free of income tax for the
six months ended 31st December, 1906, making
6 per cent. for the year, be recommended in the
report, be and the same is hereby confirmed."

I will ask Mr. Mailland to second that, and I
shall be very happy to answer any questions that
you may ask before formally putting it to the
vote. (Applause.)

Mr. J. A. Mailland: I second the resolution
with much pleasure.

The Chairman: Well, gentlemen, if there are
no questions to be asked, I will formally put the
resolution I have read to the meeting.

The motion was then put and carried unani-
mously.

Mr. William Jackson: I have great pleasure
in proposing—"That Sir Alexander Wilson
and Mr. J. A. Mailland, the Directors retiring
from the Board by rotation, be and they are
hereby re-elected Directors of the Bank."

Mr. R. J. Black: I beg to second that pro-
posal.

The motion was put and unanimously agreed
to.

The Chairman: I am much obliged, gentle-
men, for your continued confidence in re-electing
me and before the next proposition which comes
from your side of the table is put, I would like to
say that we, the Directors, fully recognise that
the time has come when the Auditors should re-
ceive a little extra remuneration beyond what
they have been having in the past. The
audit, as you know, has been most
carefully and fully done, and the Audi-
tors' work is considerably increased by the
business of the Bank being increased. There-
fore, I would ask the gentlemen who are to
propose their re-election, if he would propose
that their remuneration should be 150 guineas
each.

A Shareholder: What was it before?

The Chairman: One hundred guineas.

Mr. W. S. Cuff: I have been asked to move
the resolution, and I do it again with con-
siderable pleasure—"That Messrs. Cooper Bros.
& Co., and Messrs. W. A. Brown & Co. be,
and they are hereby appointed Auditors of the
Bank, and that their remuneration be 150 guineas
each for audit." I am sure, gentlemen,
we have excellent firms here in both
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I would rather prefer to propose individual
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siderable pleasure—"That Messrs. Cooper Bros.
& Co., and Messrs. W. A. Brown & Co. be,
and they are hereby appointed Auditors of the
Bank, and that their remuneration be 150 guineas
each for audit." I am sure, gentlemen,
we have excellent firms here in both
cases, and therefore I move this resolution
with much pleasure. I would only simply make
one remark, and that is, in the nomination
I would rather prefer to propose individual
partners in the firms than the firms themselves.

but as the matter is settled, I will move it in the
form that I have read out.

A Shareholder: I will second that.
This motion was also agreed to.

The Chairman: That, gentlemen, is all the
business before the meeting.

Mr. H. H. Nelson: Before we separate I
should like to say a few words. We have to-day
a very satisfactory report of the progress of our
business, and a very substantial advance is shown
in the steady progress that has been made since
the Bank was re-constituted. Under those
circumstances, and with very favourable figures
before us, as also the fact that our shares are
now standing in the market at much more like
their real value than they have done for a con-
siderable time, I think it will meet the views of
the shareholders present if I propose the usual
courteous vote to the Directors and the staff of
the Bank. (Applause.) We have a good body
of Directors who do their work and no Board
can do more than that. That they do so I have
no slightest doubt. The staff is a very
important factor in the history and progress of
the Bank. (Applause.) I may say that
my confidence in this institution and in its pro-
gress in the future is very greatly strengthened
by the fact that I believe the Directors
and the chiefs of the Bank are fully
alive to that matter. There is not the
slightest doubt that the future of
the Bank will depend on the men they put into it,
and I believe that our Directors are fully alive
and I believe that our Directors are fully alive
to the fact and to the necessity for obtaining
the right kind of young man to serve the Bank,
to go out abroad, and eventually to become the
heads of the various branches out there. That
is the most important thing in connection with
any institution doing business in the East, and
I have no doubt that we shall reap the benefit
of the liberal policy pursued by the Board.
They get good men, they treat them well, and
they make the services on which any man
might be proud to serve him. In a kindred
institution, one of the most successful in London,
I found from conversation with the Chairman,
that although their officers were being tempted
to other banks by the offer of a temporary
advantage, not one had left. I hope that
will be the case, if similar circumstances arise,
with this Bank. Gentlemen, I now ask you to
vote on the resolution. I have the pleasure of
the meeting being given to the Chairman, Directors,
General Manager, and the whole staff of the
Bank, for their services during the past year."

(Applause.)

Mr. Cuff: I have very much pleasure in
seconding that and endorsing all that has been
said.

The motion was then put and carried by
acclamation.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, I am very much
obliged to you for the resolution you have just
passed. We will continue to do our best for
this Bank, in which we have the deepest inter-
est. It has always been a pleasure to meet you
here annually. There is little for a Chairman
to do on these occasions, as very little requires
to be said. In this Bank, during the last
14 years, it has been a pleasure to report con-
tinued progress. We recognise as much as the
proposers of the resolution, how much of the
property of the Bank is due to the staff; that
is appreciated very much, indeed, on this side
of the table, and I will convey your vote with
great pleasure to those who are abroad
(Applause.) I may add that the dividend war-
rants will be posted to-night.

NEW FASHION IN TIES.

While the women are balancing their hats on
their foreheads, as if trying to tilt the mass of
feathers and ruffles on to their noses, men are
going in for more gorgeous ties, says a London
correspondent.

This season promises to be a notable one in
the matter of ties and, possibly, collars.

During the past year or two jackets and coats
have opened lower in the front, and hitherto this
has been made the opportunity for displaying a
fancy waistcoat. Now the tendency is to pay
more attention to the tie, so that during the
coming season the most noticeable feature will
not be the vest but the neck wear. For some
years past ties have been extremely simple, a
plain sailor knot or a simple bow, but this fashion
now promises to be abolished in favour of the
large and handsome cravat.

Many influences have been at work in bring-
ing about this change. The deep double collar
has been declining in favour for some time past,
and the military and wing styles have been find-
ing an ever-increasing number of patrons, and
there is no doubt these latter styles greatly
facilitate the wearing of more dressy ties.

Cravats are now being made in full and puff-
y styles that almost fill the opening at the top of
the vest. They are made mostly from silks,
satins, and poplins. Gold pins—often of the
safest pattern—are worn with these, so that
the new style will be welcomed by the jeweller
as well as the bowler and outfitter.

From the standpoint of comfort the new style
has much to commend it, for it lends itself
admirably to the soft-finished shirt, which it
effectually hides, without being in any way stiff
or uncomfortable in itself.

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